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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO PRAGUE

REF: PRAGUE 667, BUCHAREST 835

1. CEAUSESCU " UNOFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT" TO PRAGUE
MARCH 6 AND 7 SERVED AS MUCH AS ANYTHING TO ILLUSTRATE
CONTINUING LIMITS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. COMBINATION
OF FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND ALMOST
CURSORY TREATMENT OF POLITICAL AND PARTY AFFAIRS IN
PUBLIC STATEMENTS SUGGEST THAT VISIT BROKE LITTLE NEW
GROUND. ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICER IMPLIED THIS, ADDING
THAT IT WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN BILATERAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE NOTED THAT DURING TALKS WITH
CZECHS IN LATE 1972, BOTH SIDES HAD PLANNED FOR 17 PERCENT
INCREASE IN TRADE DURING 1973, AND SAID THAT DURING
CEAUSESCU VISIT EVEN GREATER INCREASE WAS AGREED UPON.
HE ADDED THAT TALKS DEALT WITH FURTHER IMPORTATION OF
CZECH TECHNOLOGY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT , WHICH
ROMANIANS SEEM TO REGARD AS HIGH- PRIORITY SUBJECT.
(CEAUSESCU' S PRAGUE SCHEDULE IN FACT LEFT RELATIVELY
LITTLE TIME FOR TALKS ON ANY SUBJECT.)

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2. REPORT OF VISIT ISSUED UPON CEAUSESCU' S DEPARTURE
SAID THAT INVITATION TO CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIAL PARTY AND
STATE DELEGATION TO VISIT BUCHAREST WAS " RENEWED" AND
ACCEPTED. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN, THIS IS RENEWAL
OF INVITATION ISSUED BY CEAUSESCU TO DUBCEK LEADERSHIP
DURING HIS AUGUST 1968 VISIT HERE AND VISIT BY CZECHS
TO ROMANIA IS NOT EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.
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